



Fire Alarm System Acceptance Test Checklist

INFORMATION HANDOUT C-5

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General

This document's intent is to provide contractors with guidelines outlining the expectations and procedures for how the Everett Fire Marshal's Office will conduct an acceptance test of a fire alarm system. This document addresses the most common aspects of a fire alarm acceptance tests, in cases where this document does not address a device or operation used with your system the IFC, NFPA, and/or Manufacturer Specifications will be used to determine testing criteria.

Sto	ep 1: Preparation	PASS	FAIL	N/A
1.	Schedule Inspection - The contractor shall schedule for the inspection using eTRAKIT online permitting portal. Inspection requests submitted online before 11:59 p.m. on Monday-Friday will be tentatively scheduled for the next business day. IMPORTANT — the Fire Alarm System cannot be finalized until the associated electrical permit has be finalized by the building department.			
2	Approved Plans - Approved/Stamped set of plans showing how system was installed.			
3.	Cut Sheets - Manufacturer cut sheets indicating the proper method of testing for smoke and heat detectors.			
4.	Pretest - Printout of pretest showing all devices have been tested and how each device annunciates at the FACP.			
5.	NFPA 72 Report - NFPA 72 Record of Completion (not req'd for flow/tamper systems).			
6.	24 hour Battery Test - At the time of the inspection/test provide proof verifying that the panel has been operating on secondary power (battery) for 24 hours. No other problems shall be indicated on the panel.			
	Tools Equipment and Personnel:			
7.	Staffing - A minimum of two fire alarm contractors with 2 two-way radios.	PASS		N/A
8.	Contractors - The following contractors may need to be present during the acceptance test depending on the systems provided in the building: sprinkler contractor, mechanical contractor, elevator contractor, general contractor, special suppression system contractor.			
9.	Ladder - A ladder shall be provided to gain access to devices for testing.			П

Smoke/Aerosol Tester - Smoke detectors will be tested in place using a Smoke Detector Tester Aerosol Dispenser with Telescoping Pole to ensure smoke entry into the sensing chamber and an alarm response. No magnets will be allowed.			
Laptop - Laptop with appropriate software to make program changes if necessary.			
Manufacturer's Testing - Any equipment required by the manufacturer's published testing instructions.			
Notification of Testing:			
Occupants - All building occupants shall be notified of the test.			
Monitoring Company - Monitoring Company shall place the systems(s) in "test".			
Verify Information - Verify that the monitoring company has a valid address, proper business name, and the correct number for Snohomish County 911 (425-407-3970).			
ep 2: Signage and Markings	PASS	FAIL	N/A
FACP Room - An approved sign shall be posted on the door to the room containing the FACP. The sign shall be constructed of durable materials, permanently installed, readily visible, and have a red background and white lettering that reads "FIRE ALARM CONTROL PANEL INSIDE" or "FIRE ALARM ROOM" or "FACP ROOM" or similar language.			
Contact Information - An approved sign shall be posted at the control panel and states the name of the monitoring company and the 24-hour phone number of the Central Station. It shall also state that the Central Station shall be called before doing any work or testing on any system being monitored.			
Instructions - Reset instructions and reset code shall be clearly posted at the FACP			
Floor Plan - A laminated floor plan (11"x17" minimum) for each building floor shall be posted adjacent to the FACP in the Fire Control Room. It shall indicate the location of all initiating devices, inspector's test valve, monitored valves and main corridors, stairwells and elevators.			
Dedicated Circuit -The fire alarm control panel shall be on its own dedicated circuit that is labeled FACP, red in color, and locked in the ON position.			
J-Boxes - It is required that all fire alarm J-boxes are painted red or labeled FIRE			
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Documentation Cabinet - A documentation cabinet labeled "SYSTEM RECORD DOCUMENTS" shall be installed at the system control unit or at another approved location accessible only to authorized personnel.			
Page 3: Maximum Load Test - Secondary Power Manual Fire Alarm box - While on battery power, initiate an Alarm by pulling the manual fire alarm box located at the FACP.	PASS	FAIL	N/A
90 Second Alarm Signal - Verify that the remote Central Station has received a fire alarm signal within ninety (90) seconds. Let alarm continue during next step.			
5 - 15 Minute Test - Let alarm continue for a minimum of 5 minutes for general occupant notification and 15 minutes for voice Evacuation. This is will give enough time to verify operation of all notification appliances throughout the facility.			
Audible Alarm Notification Appliances:			_
Per Plans - Verify annunciators are installed per approved plans	PASS		N/A
Audible Sound - Audible alarms devices must be 15 dBA above normal ambient sound level in all occupiable areas of building.			
Signal Pattern - Audible signal pattern used to notify building occupants of the need to evacuate shall be the standard alarm evacuation signal consisting of a three-pulse temporal pattern.			
Mounting - Wall-mounted appliances shall have their tops above the finished floor at heights of not less than 90 inches and below the finished ceilings at distances of not less than 6 inches. Ceiling-mounted or recessed appliances shall be permitted.			
Combination Audible/Visible - Combination audible/visible appliances shall be installed as per the requirements for a visible alarm notification appliance.			
Environment - Verify that all appliances as listed for the environment that they are located. (walk-in coolers/freezers, etc.)			
Guards/Cover/ Lenses - Appliances subject to mechanical damage shall be suitably protected by a guard, cover, or lenses that is listed for use with the appliance.			
Visible Alarm Notification Appliances:			
Per Plans - Ensure the cd matches what was indicated on the plans.	PASS	FAIL	N/A
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12.	Flashing Notifications - Indoor strobes must flash 60-120 times/minute and in spaces such as corridors where more than two visible notification appliances are in any field of view, they shall flash in synchronization.			
13.	Lights - Lights used for fire alarm signaling only or to signal the intent for complete evacuation shall be clear or nominal white.			
14.	Wall Mount - Wall-mounted appliances shall be mounted such that the entire lens is not less than 80 inches and not greater than 96 inches above the finished floor.			
15.	Ceiling Mount - Ceiling-mounted appliances shall be permitted. If ceiling heights exceed 30 feet, ceiling-mounted visible notification appliances shall be suspended at or below 30 feet or at the mounting height of a wall mounted visible notification appliances.			
16.	Environment - Verify that all appliances as listed for the environment that they are located. (walk-in coolers/freezers, etc.)			
St	ep 4: Power Supplies & Trouble Signals	DACC	5 A 11	NI / A
1.	Reset - Once all notification appliances have been verified and the minimum alarm time has elapsed, silence the signal and ensure horns and strobes cease.	PASS		N/A
2.	Clear Panel - Have primary power turned back on and verify that the panel has been cleared.			
3.	Battery Lead - Unplug one battery lead, the panel shall indicate a trouble within 200 seconds.			
4.	Battery Date - Also, ensure the battery manufacture date is written on the batteries.			
5.	Batterie Size - Compare the calculated size of batteries in submittal to actual batteries installed.			
6.	Ground Fault - Have the installer create a ground fault on the system, to ensure that the trouble condition and ground fault is annunciated on the FACP.			
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10.	Remote Annunciator - If a remote alarm annunciator is provided, verify operations and that the correct information is being received.			
Ste	ep 5: Fire Suppression Systems	PASS	FAIL	N/A
	Fire Sprinkler Systems:			
1.	Contractors - All sprinkler devices shall be tested with both the sprinkler and fire alarm contractors present.			
2.	Flow Test - Test waterflow alarm by flowing water from the Inspectors Test Valve. The alarm should sound no earlier than 20 seconds and no later than 90 seconds. (Wet and dry systems)			
3.	Dry-Type Sprinkler Systems – Have constrictor demonstrate that both high and low air pressure are supervised as required. The off-normal signal shall be initiated when the pressure increases or decreases by 10 psi.			
4.	Exterior Horn/Strobe - Verify that a listed horn/strobe device is located on the front exterior of the building in an approved location in close proximity to the buildings address. Such device shall be activated by water flow actuation of the automatic sprinkler system.			
5.	Control Valves - Close all electrically supervised sprinkler control valves to verify supervisory alarm at the FACP within 2 turns of control wheel or, for Post Indicator Valve (PIV) within 1/5 of valve control mechanism's travel distance. Then reopen to verify "restore" signal.			
	Fire Pump:			
		PASS	FAIL	N/A
6.	Pump Running - Verify that when the fire pump is running that the fire alarm goes into alarm.			
7.	Control Valves - Close all electrically supervised fire pump control valves to verify supervisory signal at the FACP.			
	Other Suppression Systems:			
		PASS	FAIL	N/A
8.	Type 1 Commercial Kitchen System - shall initiate an alarm signal by alarm initiating devices installed in accordance with their individual listings.			
9.	Pre-Action Suppression System – If installed and if it has an independent control panel it will require a separate NFPA 72 certificate from the building FACP.			
10.	Clean Agent Suppression System – If installed and if it has an independent control panel it will require a separate NFPA 72 certificate from the building FACP.			

Ste	ep 6: Elevators	PASS	EAII	NI/A
1.	Elevator Technician - Elevator technician must be on site for the following test to take place.			N/A
2.	FACP - Actuation from the elevator hoistway, elevator machine room, elevator machinery space, elevator control space, or elevator control room smoke detectors, or other automatic fire detection shall cause a separate and distinct visible annunciation at the building FACP and remote annunciators to alert fire fighters that the elevators are no longer safe to use.			
3.	Recall - Test detector(s) located at elevator lobby that will initiate elevator recall: (Elevator lobby detectors must be within 21 feet of each elevator door.) • Verify recall to a primary floor • Verify recall to alternate floor • Verify illumination of "Fire Hat"			
4.	Machine Room Detector - Test detector(s) located in shaft & elevator machine room: • Verify recall to designated floor • Verify flashing illumination of "Fire Hat"			
5.	Heat Detectors - Heat Detectors installed in a shaft or machine room and used for shunt trip (shut down elevator power) activation shall be located within 2 feet of each sprinkler head and have both a lower temperature rating and a higher sensitivity as compared to the sprinkler.			
Sto	ep 7: Initiation Devices	PASS	FAIL	N/A
1.	FACP - Test individual devices to ensure proper operations and annunciation at the panel with the correct device location.			
	Smoke Detectors:			
2.	Sample Test - The fire inspector will select a sample of Smoke Detectors at random to be tested by using smoke or a listed aerosol. (<u>minimum of one per floor and no less than 10% of the devises shall be tested</u>)			
3.	Trouble - The fire inspector will select a minimum of one smoke detector at random to be disconnected to verify a trouble signal is received at the FACP.			
4.	Addressable - All smoke detectors are addressable models.			
5.	Wall Mount - Wall-mounted smoke detectors must be installed between 4 and 12 inches from the ceiling measured to the nearest edge of the detector.			

6.	Ceiling Mount - Ceiling mounted smoke detectors shall be at least 4 inches from a wall or ceiling obstruction.			
7.	Supply/Return Air Diffuser - Smoke detectors shall not be located within 3 feet of a supply or return air diffuser, nor in a strong air stream from a supply diffuser at any distance.			
8.	Listings - All smoke detectors shall be located in conditioned space or be listed for non-conditioned spaces (outside, parking decks, areas with low or high temperatures).			
9.	Dust Covers - Verify all dust covers have been removed.			
	Duct Smoke Detectors:	PASS	FAIL	N/A
10	Sample Test - The fire inspector will select a sample of Duct Smoke Detectors at random to be tested by using smoke or a listed aerosol. Minimum of one per floor and no less than 10% of the devises shall be tested. (Duct Smoke Detectors shall be programmed to be a supervisory condition at the FACP.)			
11.	HVAC Shutdown - Verify that HVAC shutdown is operational. After the initial test and verification, it is acceptable to activate the HVAC bypass to avoid excessive restarting.			
12.	Close Upon Activation - All remaining duct smoke detectors not tested shall be inspected to verify that they close upon activation of the fire alarm system.			
13.	Access Door - At each duct detector a 12"x12" minimum access door, hinged or latched type, is provided to facilitate sampling tube inspection and cleaning. Doors shall have a label that reads: FIRE/SMOKE DAMPER, SMOKE DAMPER OR FIRE DAMPER.			
14.	Air Flow Decal - Air flow direction is permanently indicated on the duct by stencil or decal, to help assure the sampling tubes are installed and maintained in the correct orientation.			
15.	Intake Tube - Intake tube has its holes/slots facing into the air stream, and a stopper installed to seal its far end.			
	Heat Detectors:	DACC	FA.11	N1 / A
16.	Sample Test - The fire inspector will select a sample of Heat Detectors at random to be tested. (minimum of one per floor and no less than 10% of the devises shall be tested)	PASS	FAIL	N/A

17.	Manufactures Specification - Important to follow the manufactures specification on the correct testing of the device. (Incorrect testing can damage devices)			
	Manual Fire Alarm Box (Pull Stations):	PASS	FAIL	N/A
18.	100% Activation - 100% of Manual Fire Alarm Box (Pull Stations) provided shall be tested by physical activation.			
19.	Location - Manual fire alarm boxes shall be located as follows:			
	 At a conspicuous, unobstructed, and assessable location. Within 60 inches of exit doorway openings. Mounted between 42 to 48 inches above the floor. 			
20	Addressable - Verify that upon activation of a manual fire alarm box the alarm signal to the main fire alarm panel is correctly addressed with an accurate description.			
21.	Color - Manual fire alarm boxes shall be red in colors on a background of contrasting color.			
	Other Initiation Devices:	DASS		21/2
22.	Other Devices - Combination Detector, Electrical Conductivity Heat Detector, Fire-Gas Detector, Flame Detector, Pneumatic Rate-of-Rise Tubing Heat Detector, Projected Beam-Type Detector, Radiant Energy-Sensing Fire Detector, Rate Compensation Detector, Spark/Ember Detector, Spot-Type Detector shall follow the manufactures specification on the correct testing of that device.	PASS	FAIL	N/A
	ep 8: Electrically Locking and/or Self-Closing	PASS	FAIL	N/A
	Door Releases:			
1.	Magnetic Door Hold - Verify that all Magnetic Door Hold-Open Release Devices work when the system is in alarm. The doors shall close completely and latch.			
	Electrically Locked Doors:			
2.	Electrically Locked Doors - Electrically locked doors that are part of the required means or egress shall comply with the following:	PASS		N/A
	 Unlock immediately upon loss of power. Unlock upon activation of the fire alarm system and remain unlocked until the fire alarm condition is manually reset. Unlock upon activation of the automatic sprinkler system. 			

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	Delayed Egress Locking System:	PASS	FAIL	N/A
3.	Activation - Verify that the delay electronics of the delayed egress locking system deactivates upon actuation of the automatic sprinkler system or automatic fire detection system, allowing immediate, free egress.			
	Smoke / Fire Protective Curtain Assemblies:	PASS	FAIL	N/A
4.	Qualified Personal - Testing of protective curtain assemblies shall be performed by a qualified person with knowledge and understanding of the operating components of the type of assembly being subject to testing.			
5.	Testing Twice Per Device - All smoke/fire protective curtains that are connected to the fire alarm system shall be tested a minimum of twice per device.			
6.	Closing Without Power - All protective curtain assemblies shall be capable of closing the curtain without power.			
7.	Delays - Protective curtain assemblies shall not have a delay in the initiation of closing of more than 10 seconds.			
8.	Closing Speed - Protective curtain assemblies shall have an average closing speed of not less than 6 in./sec or more than 24 in./sec.			
	Horizontal Sliding / Accordion / Folding Fire Doors:	PASS	FAIL	N/A
9.	Horizontal Sliding, Accordion or Folding Doors - All special-purpose horizontal sliding, accordion or folding doors that are a component of a means or egress shall comply with the following:			
	 Connected to the fire alarm system and close when in alarm. Shall be power operated and shall be capable of being operated manually in the event of power failure. 			
	 The door assembly shall have an integrated standby power supply. Exiting hardware shall accommodate for a person with disabilities, have sharp contrast from the door's surface, and include both graphic images 			
	 and bold lettering. (Example: PUSH TO OPEN) The door shall open to the minimum required with within 10 seconds after activation of the operating device. 			

Step 9: Area of Refuge Emergency Communication PASS FAIL N/A 100% Tested - All devices associated with the Area of Refuge Emergency Communication shall be tested. **Operation -** The area of refuge station shall provide for hands-free, two-way communication, provide an audible and visible signal to indicate communication has occurred, and indicate to the receiver the location sending the signal. 3. **Instructions -** Instructions for the use of the two-way communications system, instructions for summoning assistance via the two-way communications system, and written identification, including in braille, of the location shall be posted adjacent to the two-way communications system. 4. **Response** - If the central control point is not constantly attended, it shall have a timed automatic communications capability to connect with a constantly attended monitoring location where responsible personnel can initiate the appropriate response. Quality and Clarity - Verify voice quality and clarity. **Step 10: Emergency Radio Communications** PASS FAIL N/A **Emergency Radio Communications - Simulate the following trouble conditions:** Signal Booster Trouble Antenna Failure Loss of Normal AC Power Failure of Battery Charger Low Battery Capacity **Step 11: System in Full Operation** PASS FAIL N/A 1. Normal Condition - Ensure all systems are normal 2. **Off of Test -** Ensure the Fire Alarm is off of test with the monitoring company. 3. Record of Completion - Have the company complete and submit the Record of Completion. 4. **Document Box** - Have all manuals and the program placed in the document box. 5. Knox Box - Keys for the FACP and pull station(s) shall be provided so they may be placed into the Knox Box.